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MATCHING CONTRIBUTION REQUIRED FROM STATES
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Will the Minister of PLANNING be pleased to state:

(a) whether the poor and small States have financial difficulties in providing matching grants;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the action taken by the Government in this regard;

(d) whether the matter has been taken with the Planning Commission; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PLANNING(SHRI M.V. RAJASEKHARAN)

(a) to (e) : States of North Eastern Region had represented about financial difficulties in contributing their stipulated share (25 %) under the Sarva Shiksha Abhiyan. They have also demanded a uniform pattern of 90:10 for all Centrally Sponsored Schemes. These States were provided one-time special dispensation during the last two years of the Tenth Plan (2005-06 & 2006-07) whereby they contributed only 10% and the remaining 15% was made available from the Non Lapsable Central Pool of Resources (NLCPR) of the Ministry of Development of North Eastern Region (DoNER).
In view of the demand from the many States about the difficulties in changing over to 50:50 funding pattern under the SSA in the Eleventh Plan, this pattern has been modified to a tapering ratio of 65:35 for the first two years of the Eleventh Plan, 60:40 for the third year, 55:45 for the fourth year and 50:50 thereafter. The special dispensation for NE States during 2005-06 and 2006-07 would continue for the Eleventh Plan whereby each of the NE States would contribute only 10% as State's share and the remaining portion would be met by the Government of India.